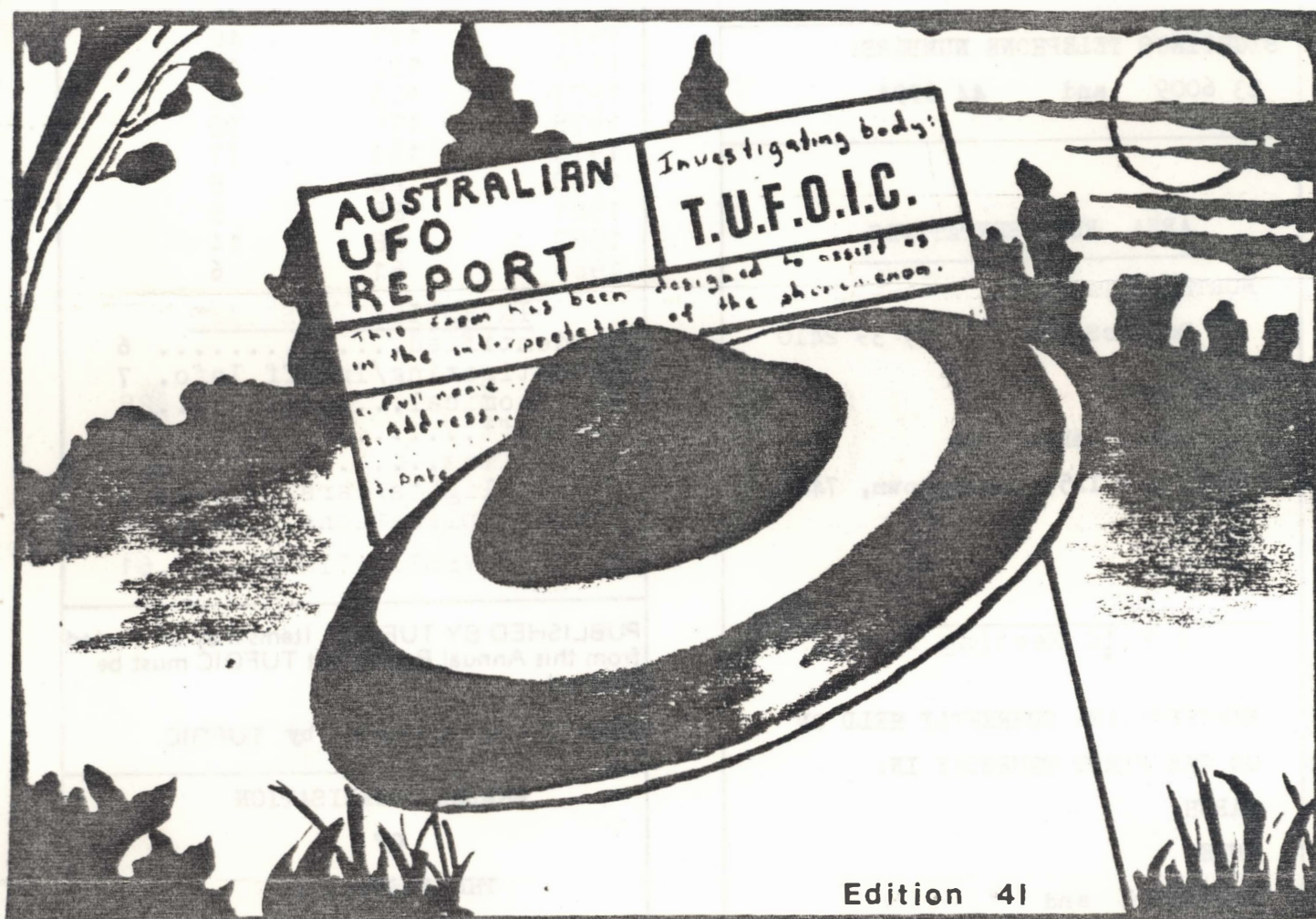


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Year	Reports	Unidentified
Pre65	124	24
1965	18	7
1966	33	16
1967	16	4
1968	29	6
1969	61	14
1970	44	8
1971	95	23
1972	68	14
1973	136	26
1974	159	54
1975	177	46
1976	192	43
1977	153	36
1978	176	30
1979	151	17
1980	60	8
1981	85	8
1982	58	14
1983	61	6

INVESTIGATIONS 1983

Unidentified.....	6
Investigating/Insuff Info.	7
Astronomical.....	28
Aircraft.....	9
Satellites.....	2
Ground lights/cars.....	5
Other explanations.....	4
TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS.....	61

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INVESTIGATIONS 1983

Only two series of events broke the calm of 1983. Some puzzling paranormal events with a strange black shape at the start of the year, then a few unexplained reports all of which occurred in August.

A lone report initially of a grey ball suspended in mid air led us to a complex series of events at a number of houses in a Southern country district. Tappings and bumps, clicking noises, frightened dogs, black shapes and a foggy ball made up for a string of puzzling events that lasted over many months.

August brought a flow of calls to the Centre including the first unidentified case since July 1982.

Ref TA83040 Broadmarsh Road

The first sighting took place on August 6th on Broadmarsh Road running north to Elderslie some 30kmts north of Hobart.

The two witnesses noticed an unusually bright light to the north east at tree top level above a hill in that direction. It was a yellow pulsating oval shape about half moon sized. It had the appearance of partitioning lines in the centre.

It seemed to travel slowly to the south at first, but then turned around so that it was heading back to the north. The witnesses stopped to watch the object and in all had it in view about 10 minutes. They lost sight of the object when they continued on up the road. The sighting occurred in a rural area and both the moon and Venus were visible in the sky.

TA83043 Jericho

Three days later on August 9th a sighting was reported by a motorist whilst passing through the Jericho area. It is approximately another 30kmts north of the previous report.

About 8.45pm a passenger in the car noticed a bright light in the sky to the right front of the car. The next thing there was a mass of light in the paddock alongside the road, the light mass seemed to stay with the car for some minutes before streaking up into the sky at a 15 degree angle. It was gone in the blink of an eye.

The object was described as a circle of bright silver with a blue area in the middle on top of the mass. Also on the top perimeter were triangular white lights. The light was so bright that surrounding paddocks, trees, fences, etc: were lit up so bright there was no need for headlights. There seemed to be a rushing air type noise during the sighting. The light mass was estimated to be 3m above the ground and 10m from the car.

TA83051 Copping

Sometime in the first half of August MrC was just going out his back door when he noticed a light flashing on a hill 500m to the south east. It was he recalled just after dark so he thought it could be someone spotlighting. The light seemed to be waving about in different directions. The flashing light was on the lower part of a paler yellow light mass.

The light remained in the same location for a few minutes so he had time to call his wife out. The light mass then moved towards the south west. He could now see it clearly as an oval/round shape some 5-6m long. It was going only slowly about 20kph. Eventually it was lost to view behind trees on a hill to the south west.

Some weeks later a clear/dry ring was found on the hill, a bare ring some 8.75m in diameter. The ring was in the same paddock as the light and although the ground was wet the ring was dry with a white powder in the soil. Investigation by the Centre revealed the ring was most likely due to "Fairy Fungus".

TAS3044

Howrah.

The next report was on August 18th at 6.45am as a Howrah witness was up early to draw back the lounge room curtains. The view across the river to the mountain behind the city is superb but this morning it was a bright light that caught the attention of the witness.

The light was flashing and star like as it moved southwards from above the summit of the mountain. It soon started to travel in an erratic manner as it passed over the southern slopes. It moved up and down and at one stage retraced its path northwards.

This had taken several minutes but then the light stopped for 2 to 3 minutes before travelling on again further out over the foothills. Again it halted briefly but then went straight down behind the hillside and did not appear again.

The Venus sized light was flashing about once every 2 seconds. Nothing more than a light was seen at any stage of the sighting.

EXAMINER (Northern Tas.) 5/12/1983

Girl claims UFO car ride!

SANTIAGO — A 22-year-old Chilean woman claims to have been carried off in her car by a flying saucer near the north-eastern Chilean city of Calama, the Ultimas Noticias daily newspaper said yesterday.

The paper, not usually noted for sensationalism, said the girl, Marisol Espinoza, claimed the unidentified flying object (UFO) later deposited her and her car on the edge of a ravine.

She was driving along a mountain road at night when her car was sucked up into the air by a powerful force emanating from a circular object surrounded by violet lights floating overhead, she claimed.

She said she later had to walk home as the car's engine would not start after the incident. Her father confirmed that Miss Espinoza had returned on foot, 'in a terrible state, with her shoes ruined.'

When leaving a local police station after reporting the incident, Miss Espinoza and her father claimed to have seen the UFO a second time.

Reports of sightings of UFOs are common in most of Latin America, and are often taken quite seriously by the authorities and the press.

In 1979, the Chilean armed forces opened an official enquiry after the pilots of an air force jet claimed to have chased a UFO for several minutes.

TUFOIC's report is published annually and is available to the public, and members, and for exchange with UFO organisations. The Centre also prints two newsletters during the year to keep members informed with ongoing sightings. See back page for application to join the Centre.

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.....AUSTRALIAN ROUNDUP 1983.....

STATE	DATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION	
WA	Jan 3	21.10	NL	NORTHAM	Glowing wide white lit with orange, blue, and green lits. Passed over car at 20kph (Source PUFORG)
WA	Jan 3	21.15	NL	NORTHAM	Moon sized object with red and green lits seen. (PUFORG)
WA	Jan 15	02.50	NL	PERTH	Object like airship with flashing lits. Pos radio effects. (PUFORG)
WA	Jan 15	03.00	NL	KALAMON	Two bright lits seen to west (PUFORG)
SA	Feb late		NL	MURRAY BRIDGE	Two witnesses see tube like object with several red lights beneath. (Adelaide News)
WA	Mar 3	19.30	NL	WOOROLOO	Two witnesses see pulsating object with white lits. Car radio gives off static. It seemed to be rotating. (PUFORG)
WA	Mar 11	02.30	NL	YOKINE	Two witness see pyramid shape with lits around it go behind trees. (PUFORG)
WA	Mar 15	03.40	NL	BAKERS HILL	Erratic orange and blue lits seen moving about sky. (PUFORG)
VIC	Mar 16	20.30	NL	WARRACKNABEAL	Witnesses report 3 lits in triangle formation with something metallic above. (Herald Warracknabeal)
WA	Mar 18	23.15	CE?	BUSSELTON	Burst of white light near a car, headlights useless. 2 witnesses. (PUFORG)
WA	Mar 26	07.30	DD	HYDEN	Two witnesses report disc shape pale green with orange rectangle at back. Lost to view behind trees. (PUFORG)
WA	Apr 1	20.30	NL	WEST LEEDVILLE	Several witnesses watch bright erratic ball with sparks, fades to ball of flame and drops (PUFORG)
WA	Apr 2	20.30	NL	LEEDERVILLE	Yellow star sized light with sparks seen for 3 mins as drops to earth. (PUFORG)
WA	Apr 4	23.00	NL	GERALDTON-PERTH	Three witnesses see blue, red, green and white lit low to south for 5-10 minutes. (PUFORG)
WA	Apr 5	21.00	NL	GNANGARRA	Witness reports 3 red, green, and blue lits rise vertically from ground (PUFORG)
WA	Apr 9	23.30	NL	PINJARRA	Green and white lits with beam onto ground. Motorist followed. (WAUFOIC)
WA	Apr 10	00.10	CE	WANNERO	1 witness sees large heart shaped object at 60m elevation, carried 2 blue and 2 white lights Hovered soundlessly then moved off with a sound like a jet. (PUFORG)
WA	Apr 11	19.45	NL	MORAWA	Red light observed moving in an erratic manner. (PUFORG)
VIC	May 20	23.00	NL	BENDIGO	Series of flashing lits reported to media over several hours by numerous witnesses. (ABC NEWS, MELB HERALD, VUFORS)
VIC	May 20	23.00	NL	CORRWAA	Round object with 4 red lits crosses sky. (ABC NEWS, MELB HERALD)
VIC	May 21	00.30	NL	KYNETON	Witnesses report 8 to 9 objects
VIC	May 21	02.30	NL	BENDIGO	White lit with flashing red, green lits below, photos taken.
VIC	May 21	21.30	NL	PENHURST	Round ball of red, yellow and blue lit reported.
VIC	May 24	19.30	NL	BENDIGO	Cigar like light seen for 25 mins, joined by smaller lit.
VIC	May 24	20.58	NL	BENDIGO	More photos taken of lits in night sky.
VIC	May 25		NL	BENDIGO	Egg shape object with red, blue, and white lits reported.

ROUNDUP (2)

STATE	DATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION
VIC	May 25	23.00	NL	MELBOURNE Flashing lits reported and filmed, RAAF suggests stars. (Vic cases ABC News, VUFORS, ACUFOS)
WA	May 26	04.15	NL	PERTH Bright large white lit seen by 2 witnesses moving fast then slowly. (WAUFOIC)
WA	May 29	02.35	NL	WANNEROO Witness sees silver/grey object with red, green, and blue flashing lits. Circular shape, followed witnesses car, moved off slowly. (PUFORG)
WA	May 31	00.30	NL	KELMSCOTT Two witnesses watch a white lit growing and shrinking over period of hours (WAUFOIC)
WA	June 5	20.30	NL	QUEEN MARGARET GOLD MINE 2 witnesses see bright glow at 10deg elv to NW. Changes to green, white and yellow then red. Hovers and moves out of sight. (WAUFOIC)
SA	June 15	19.30	NL	PARA HILLS Cigar object black and roaring travels above witness at 30m (AIUFOFSR)
VIC	July beg		NL	KERANG 3 witnesses report oblong object with red lits and green lits on sides, clear lits on top. (ADVERTISER BENDIGO)
NSW	July 8	22.17	NL	GOSFORD Family see a bright lit travel NNW, bright lits on front. (CENTRAL COAST EXP)
QLD	July 20	22.30	NL	TAMWORTH. Few witnesses report to radio station on mysterious lits in sky (UFORQLD)
VIC	July 22	01.00	RV?	MELTON ATC request Police to check target, object observed on a number of times until 05.30. Several Police witnesses shine spotlight on tail like structure. Later delta shape passes over at 200m elevation with a little noise. (VUFORS, MELB SUN, ACUFOS)
QLD	July 23	04.00	NL	CECIL PLAINS Three truck drivers see a single red lit hovering over road ahead (SUN BRISBANE)
QLD	July 23	00.45	NL	KINGDON Two truck drivers see 2 flying red lits. Come within 1k of trucks, then follow them for 15 mins before taking off (SUN BRISBANE)
QLD	July 23	20.10	NL	CECIL PLAINS Yellow/red lit seen at 25deg elevation to west, fades and reappears. (UFO-RQLD)
VIC	July 30	22.30	NL	KANGAROO LAKE 2 witnesses note luminescent glow from object hanging over lake at 500m. Stationary tangerine lit, gone in 2secs (GUARDIAN)
QLD	Aug 1	19.10	CE?	CANUNGRA Family report 2 large white lits, with red lit each side, humming noise as passes over (UFORQLD)
QLD	Aug 4	19.20	NL	KNOBBY'S BEACH Set of 3 white lits + steady red lit, flash after witness flashes car lits (UFORQLD)
QLD	Aug 4	21.05	NL	COORPAROO Large moon sized orange lit blue in centre, separate and go in different directions before rejoining. (UFORQLD)
TAS	Aug 6	20.00	NL	BRIGHTON 2 witnesses watch large white lit maneuvering in N sky for sev mins (TUFOIC)
TAS	Aug 9	21.00	CE	JERICO 3 witnesses in car surprised by bright lit mass pacing car for sev mins, disappears in streak of light into sky (TUFOIC)
TAS	Aug	18.00	NL	COPPING Lit with beams near ground level, moves slowly away, 2 witnesses. (TUFOIC)

ROUNDUP (3)

STATE	DATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION
TAS	Aug 14	06.45	NL	HOWRAH Witness sees erratic flashing white lit for 5mins drops behind horizon. (TUFOIC)
VIC	Aug 14	20.20	NL	MARYBOROUGH Calls to radio station about triangular shape of multicoloured lits in sky (COURIER BALLARAT)
QLD	Aug 30	21.30	NL	BRISBANE(near) Reports to Police and media of blue/green object, others saw red light change to green and white. (TELEGRAPH BRISBANE)
WA	Aug 30	23.00	NL	FITZROY CROSSING Motorist sees glow then moon shaped orange object which follows car for 30 minutes (PUFORG)
WA	Sept 3	02.10	NL	WANNEROO Man sees 3 layers of light, red, white and blue. They form a disc. (WAUFOIC)
WA	Sept 9	18.00	NL	OSBORNE PARK 3 witnesses see saucer object at 100m level, wobbling, lost to sight behind trees. (WAUFOIC)
WA	Sept 11	04.05	NL	PEARCE 2 witnesses report flashing lit over RAAF base. Takes on oval shape and hovers. Red and orange lits seen. Some sound. (WAUFOIC)
VIC	Sept 8	02.30	NL	SWAN HILL Nurse sees object which zaps about for 10mins, changes to sausage shape (GUARDIAN)
VIC	Sept 15	21.00	NL	VASEY 6 witnesses watch UFO bounce gently in sky as it moved slowly E, it had red, green, and blue colours (SPECTATOR HAMILTON)
WA	Sept	Day	DD	WILLETTON Five witnesses see object twice, passes over 2 times in 30mins (WAUFOIC)
SA	Oct 10	18.45	NL	JOSLIN Bright white lit stops and starts changes shape, in view 5 mins. (ACUFOS)
WA	Oct 21	04.45	NL	PINJARRA Lone witness reports cone shape with blue pulsating lits, in view nearly 2 hours as witness driving car. (WAUFOIC)
WA	Oct 23	02.30	NL	MERREDIN Object with lights stays ahead of motorist for 2 hours. Disappears upwards at 50deg angle. (PUFORG)
WA	Nov 8	21.30	NL	ROCKINGHAM Single witness sees erratic yellow lit with streak behind, 2mins. (WAUFOIC)
WA	Nov 12	03.30	CE?	BULL CREEK White lit surrounded by coloured lits seen 20m above garden trees. Seemed to have portholes. (PUFORG)
WA	Nov 12	03.30	CE	BULLCREEK Motorist followed home by object with windows and red lits. It also lights up area. (WAUFOIC)
WA	Nov 12	23.55	NL	ALBANY White lit encircled by flashing white lits seen by motorist. (PUFORG)
WA	Nov 13	00.002		Lady hears humming noise, sees orange lits with beams descending near house, seen for 4 mins. (WAUFOIC)

Sightings taken from UFO group newsletters and ACUFOS Reports. Sighting types based on information in newsletters etc: West Australia has provided a steady flow of reports all year with a burst from Victoria about May to July. Very little activity appears to have occurred elsewhere in Australia. Despite a large number of cases in the "West" few cases of high strangeness have occurred. The most puzzling case of the year seems to be the Melton, Victorian case of July 22nd. A lot of publicity also occurred at the time of the Bendigo events, a shame the only explanations for these cases are only quick off the cuff reports in the media. The results of patient study fail to make the same tabloids that just want fast results.

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OLD CASES COME TO LIGHT

A search of the RAAF files by Bill Chalker of ACUFOS uncovered two previously unknown sightings from Tasmania, the first on September 27th 1957, the second on November 15th 1960.

The 1957 sighting occurred initially at Launceston Airport. A strong white light was sighted from the Tower to the east of the field proceeding south at the speed of a DC3. The steady light progressed in horizontal flight passing over Evandale. The light was observed through binoculars and appeared circular. The cloud base was at 4000ft(1200m)

Hobart Airport was contacted and a brief radar contact was made with a return about 17 nautical miles north of the airfield. The trace was between 9 and 10000ft(3300m), it then appeared to accelerate and disappear.

The only other sighting about that time in Tasmania was on Sept 17th but of a disc at Glenora a long way from Launceston.

USAF REPORT

October/November 1960 saw a run of sightings in Northern Tasmania, mainly in the Cressy area. Now, many years later it seems that a United States Air Force JB57 encountered a UFO whilst operating out of Sale Air Base in Victoria. The incident occurred over the Tamar Valley 30 miles or so north of Cressy. One wonders what the public reaction would have been if the sighting had been made public at the time?

The pilots' statement was found by Chalker in the RAAF UFO files. "Approximately 15 miles north of Launceston my navigator called out aircraft approaching to our left and slightly lower." "Our altitude was 4000ft with a speed of 350knts." "I spotted the object and commented to the navigator it was not an aircraft but more like a balloon. We judged its altitude at 35000ft, heading on 140degrees at high speed".

"From previous experience I would say its closing speed would have been in excess of 800knts. We observed this object for 5 to 7 seconds before it disappeared under the left wing."

"Since it was unusual in appearance I banked to the left for another look but neither of us could locate it."

"The colour of the object was translucent, somewhat like that of a poached egg. There were no sharp edges but rather fuzzy and undefined. The size was approximately 70ft (20/25m) in diameter and it did not appear to have any depth."

MIDLAND HIGHWAY

A sighting on the Midland Highway of May 1976 was uncovered by the Centre during the year, due to the passage of time nocheck on aircraft etc was possible. A few kilometers before the Conara turn off the witnesses saw an object with many lights on it. Its shape was hard to make out but it was like an airship. The lights were distributed randomly all over its surface. The sighting lasted 15 minutes with the object slowly moving ahead of the witnesses car. The object seemed to be low and too slow to be a plane. It was also rather erratic in flight.

AIRCRAFT CASE.

Despite much effort from the Centre an alleged aircraft pacing report could not be tracked down. The event is meant to have occurred in 1980. The aircraft was a night freighter en route from Melbourne to Launceston.

A white light off the wing tip is said to have paced the aircraft for about 120kmts. Launceston Airport is alleged to have tracked the light on radar before it disappeared.

The Centre gained information about the incident from three different sources. A RAAF contact, an Airport worker, and an employee of the freighter company. Further efforts to ascertain the identity of the witnesses failed despite the fact so many people seemed to know of the sighting.

MYSTERY PLANE OF 1931

Reports of a mystery plane appeared in the "Mercury" newspaper in September 1931. A number of items came in following days with explanations and more plane sightings. Scandinavia was a centre of mystery planes in the 1930s along with some other locations around the world. No answer was forthcoming for the Tasmanian event of 1931.

The first item appeared on September 16th. An aircraft had been seen near the Needles about 9am in boisterous weather. It was going from south to north west and seemed to be following the HEC transmission line from the Western Tiers. The event was reported by Mr E. Butler of Caveside. A plane like noise was also heard at Deloraine. The plane had appeared to nose dive to the ground near Gog Ridge. (some kms NW of The Needles)

The Controller at Western Junction said no planes were up from the Aerodrome, he suggested it was a bird seen at the same time a motor bike passed by on the road.

Western Junction is about 60k east of Deloraine which in turn is 10k roughly from the Needles.

No exact date was given in the first report for the plane sighting but from the "Mercury" of September 19th we learn the events took place about 9-10am on Sunday the 15th.

Two Red Hills children reported seeing the mystery plane, as did a Mr R. Woodbury plus another adult. They saw it going towards the Western Tiers. To add to the confusion a Meander man says he heard the plane on Monday (14th).

The machine was reported to have a missing engine, then it wobbled before nose diving to the ground some 6/7kms away. In all 4 adults and 2 children saw the plane. Many others heard it. A search on horseback by residents failed to find anything.

It was suggested in the press that it was a Mainland criminal connection flying over an aircraft to collect £900 from a recent Hobart robbery. Further they may have landed at a secret airfield in the highlands and were seen returning north.

The "Mercury" on September 22nd carries another reported plane sighting by 2 children, this time flying from Deloraine to the Western Tiers. Western Junction says no planes were up that day and the children's evidence must be suspect.

Other reports of planes were coming in. A resident of the north west coastal town of Ulverstone says he heard a plane go over the coast on Monday (14th) about 12.30pm. A Symmons Plains shepherd heard a plane the same Monday morning, also a mystery plane was seen at Mt Direction in the Tamar Valley about the same time. The next day it was reported near Jetsonville in the North East.

The RAAF said none of their planes had been to Tasmania, and no Victorian planes had been reported missing. A trip to Tasmania, said the RAAF would not be easy requiring a fuelling stop on the way, the RAAF having used Wilsons Promontory.

The "Mercury" mentions that whilst residents had been searching for the plane a shiny object was seen on the east side of the Gog Range as if reflecting the sun. After the sun went in searchers were unable to sight the object and were unable to find anything on the hillside.

A final letter to the editor of the "Mercury" said that... residents had taken the incident as genuine following the plane being seen by 6 witnesses plus 16 who heard it. It was pointed out that no official action was taken, no planes were sent to search for any wreckage and it was only the locals who had mounted a search for the mystery plane.

PERTH "LIGHT" PUZZLE

A preliminary report by PUFORG Special Investigator Adrian De Jong

At 3 a.m. during the morning of Friday, January 20, 1984, Police Constables Tim Moffitt and Mark Fleskens, both from Midland Station, were travelling north along the Roe Highway, near Hazelmere, when they were startled by a bright white flash of light. Another flash followed within seconds and Constable Fleskens, the passenger, believing the light came from within the cabin of their van, began searching for the source.

While Constable Fleskens was searching, and had his head down, Constable Moffitt witnessed a large green and white light which hovered for two seconds above Midland. It appears that the police radio in the van may have failed at the time the strange phenomenon manifested itself for officers with communications headquarters in Perth said they could not raise the two policemen for some time. They were trying to direct the constables to the home of Mr Sidney Bell, in Bishop Road, who had reported witnessing the same light.

Mr Bishop saw two forks of light come out of the sky and, in the middle of these, a huge green, white and blue light appeared. The phenomenon was about 30 metres high with a 6 metre wide base. The light effect was first noticed in the corner of Mr Bell's back-yard and seemed to come from above one tree. This tree and its neighbour were blowing around as if in gale-force winds which were confined to that particular area. The phenomenon was very brightly coloured bluish white and green. Its shape was hard to define because the light gradually lost

its brightness on the outside, however, it seemed to be conical in shape. Appearing in the sky, on either side, at the same time, were bright "zig-zag" vertical lines and three "star" like lights which were on the right above the zig-zag and formed a straight, but tilted line. They were approximately 36° above the southern horizon, about 20° south-west. The phenomenon disappeared with a "thump" noise and, at the same time, the wind stopped and the zig-zag lines and three stars vanished.

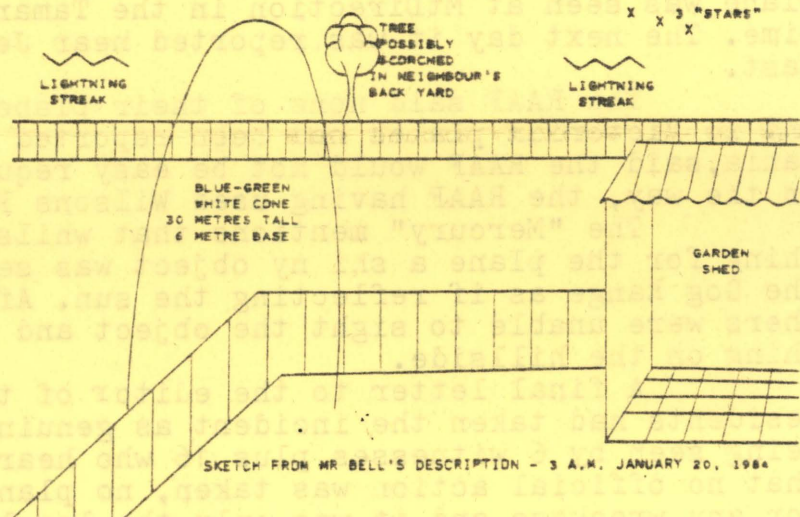
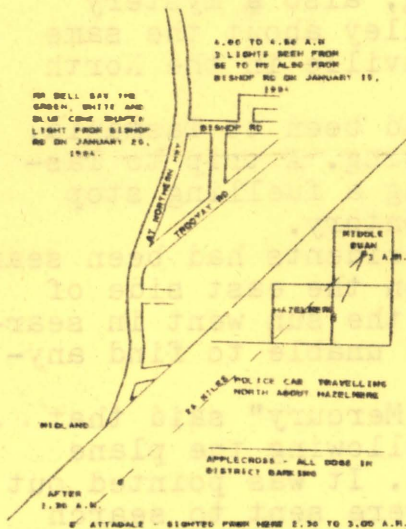
The tenants of the house, whose back-yard is adjacent to that of Mr Bell, noticed the bright light shining but didn't see the source. They, too, were aware of the gale-force wind and said that both effects vanished with a sort of "bang". Additionally, they noticed their electrical clock "blinking" as if there had been a blackout.

Several other residents in the area reported trouble with clocks and lights going on and off. There were reports of some people suffering mild electric shocks from metal objects and a microwave oven reportedly blinked on and off. Additionally, local dogs howled.

According to the Weather Bureau there had not been a gale-force wind in the area at that time.

The physical effects noted here are for the information of readers only as investigations are still underway.

The investigations of the Perth UFO Research Group are continuing. ■



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